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Title: NETWORK COMPRISING A PLURALITY OF NETWORK NODES AND AT  
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AMENDMENT

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed July 12, 2005, Applicants submit the following  
amendments and remarks: